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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary, Surface Transportation Board Mercury Building, Room 700 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

Re:

New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway-Petition for Exemption-Construction and Operation as a rail carrier on tracks and lands acquired from Olin Corporation.

FD 34391

Dear Mr. Williams:

The National Solid Waste Management Association filed a reply dated March 17, 2005. The submission is not allowed under the rules and the reply does not add information which was not available at the time of the Association's petition or indeed anything but a more detailed assertion of the same arguments.

The petitioners simply seek to restate the obvious. The services to be performed by NET with regard to waste and to all commodities, facilitate efficient use of rail cars, a necessity as railway equipment is expensive. Those services have value. However, contrary to the petitioner's assertions, those services do not add value to any cargo beyond reducing transportation costs.

The reply of the National Solid Waste Management Association should not be considered by the Board as it fails to meet the standards for relaxing the rules.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Beveridge & Dimond, P.C. 45 William Street Wellesley, MA 02481-4044 Sylvia Cruz certifies under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that on this 25th day of March, 2005 I served copy of letter on:

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